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YES OR NO.

An Honest Love Letter.

Dear lady, will you kindly lend Attention for a while? I'm not the man to sue and smirk, To gain a fair one's smile, I'm far too dull to act the Spark, Too blunt to play the beau, I'll ask a question, plain and brief; Just answer-Yes, or No.

I cannot rave as lovers rave, Nor swear as lovers swear; My way is just to pass my word, And keep it, "fair and square." I'm but an honest business man, As all my dealings show, And clinch a bargain, at the start, With simple-Yes or No.

My tongue is not attuned to talk Of lovers smarts and darts; I only know the honest way Of joining honest hearts, The deepest waters quiet sleep ; The shallow, murmering low; So, all the yow I give or ask Is briefly—Yes or No.

I love you as my life! And all I have or hope to gain, I'd give to eall you wife! I've loved you since the day we met 'Twas just a year ago, And after thinking for a year, I ask you-Yes or No?

I do not promise that your life Shall be a dream of bliss, Don't pretend that all my cares Will vanish at your kiss Who draw too long a bow; I ask you - Will you take the chance? Just answer-Yes, or No.

My heart, my fortune, home and name I ask you then, to share, If you'll accept. I'll be rejoiced; If not, I won't despair. He's but a fool who stakes his all Upon a single throw If you won't have me, some one will; So it is-Yes or No?

-Orange Leaf.

ting up. - Burlington Free Press.

[From The News and Courier.] THE STATE RAILROAD LAW.

Views of our Senators and Representatires.

Washington, December 14.-Your correspondent has seen nearly all the members of the South Carolina del-65 egation and asked their opinion as to the proposed legislation to modify the South Carolina Railroad law, The subject being now before the Legisla-Each subsequent insertion.......40c ture, our Senators and members ex-Liberal discount on contracts or by press a good deal of interest in the matter. Mr. Dibble declines to be in-

Senator Butler was the first person visited. In reply to a request for his modify laws that are too severe, if it is opinion the Senator said that he had found to be necessary. We are not responsible for the opin- always favored the establishment of a Railroad Commission, and is opposed All communications for the paper now to its abolition. If, bowever, the must be addressed to the Editors; law under which it is organized is opbusiness letters to the Publisher of the pressive or unjust, it ought to be modified. He had not read the law until actly. He added that he had always recently, but was satisfied, after its perusal, that it could be modified with features in the bid, though he was advantage to the railroads and the peo-

> Is the objection urged against the law due to the manner of its enforcement by the commissioners?"

. 'I think not," Senator Batler rep'ied "The commissioners are as good men as could be appointed, and I believe ex- learned. ercise their powers faithfully and conscientiously. The law itself deprives endorsed the opinions already expressgreat an extent, and I have no mangood is president, as it runs by my law has greatly retarded the negotiation of this company's securities. So. upon the whole, I think it ought to be ests of the people, and at the same time not injure the railroads."

the next gentleman interviewed, was investments. not well enough to talk much on the subject. He, however, expressed a was called out of town by a telegram. strong interest in the matter. He ob- but it is understood among Lis triends I love you-That's the simple truth; jects strongly to the principle involved that his views are the same as those ex in giving such unlimited authority to pressed by Mr. Butler and others. one or even three persons, as these commissioners have. "It is absurd," he said emphatically, "to suppose that a commission can regulate charges properly. A commission to watch over the affairs of a road, protect th stockholders and assist the people is an accomplished by giving them authority to interfere in the minute details of the They're pretty sure to miss the mark, lishing this commission gives it the right to assume almost entire control vote to repeal the existing law. M. of railroad property, and certainly investors will not invest their capital in our state on such terms as these.

CONGRESSMAN HEMPHILL,

sion of one or more members. He, however, wishes to see its powers confined to preventing unjust discriminations against certain places and in fa Government is to see that its citizens slowest one in the civilized world. do not suffer wrong, and those who put their money in railroad enterprises Darwin says that the monkey can have many rights and are entitled to blush. He certainly ought to when he receive a fair remuneration for their lasees the way his descendants are cut- bor and risk. I should like to see the ple, yet, of all actions of our life 'tis new enterprise by subscribing for

that the commission will not have power to injure the railroad property of the State.

"So far as the personnel of the commission is concerned, said the representative in conclusion, "I have every reason to believe in its integrity and honesty. I believe they are conscientiously carrying out the law."

CONGRESSMAN TILLMAN.

Mr Tillman sail: 'Theoretically am in favor of railway commissions. England has one, and other states, notably Georgia, have followed her example, with success. As to the wording of the law. establishing such a commission, I am not prepared to

CONGRESSMAN DARGAN

said that the statement given by sen ator Butler and Messrs, Hemphill and Evins represented his own views exbeen opposed to putting such stringent convinced that some regulation of railways was necessary. In his opinior some action on the subject was certain to be taken soon, as the railways all demanded a change, and the people were generally opposed to a continuance of the present system, so far as he had

CUNGRESSMAN AIKEN

the railroad companies of the manage- ed. and added that, in such a compliment of their own porperty to too eated matter as a railroad, no outside persons could be successful in mana ner of doubt that it will prevent any ging details. The commission had been further investments in new railroad successful in carrying out the law, such enterprises. I feel a deep interest in as it is, and he had never heard a word some remarkable features unknown in spoken against the disinterestedness of any member of the committee, even by town, and I happen to know that this those whose interest conflicted with it. He concluded by saying that it would threw out a considerable tail. The be foolish to expect capitalists to invest money in South Carolina manufac modified and made to guard the inter-tures if the details were to be arranged by an irresponsible board of commis- In a few days the tail and brightness sioners, and there is no reason why the suddenly disappeared. Several times same rule does not apply to railroad

SENATOR HAMPTON

CONGRESSMAN. MACKEY

favored the repeal of the present law, for it deterred capitalists from invest- depressed her. ing in railroad stocks in South Carolina. As long as the commissioners controlled railroad affairs. South Caro terrible fuss about the introduction of excellent thing: but nothing can be line would be hampered, and prevented from making the progress which her people desired. The Republicans railway management. The law estab- were in a minority in the South Caro- them, and then you will see "dead iina Legislature, but all of them should oodles" of fun-

railroad is being pushed with great ra- know very little of society who think pidity. This is cheering news, and if we can bear to be always employed does not object to a railway commist the directors of the Union Pacific would-only introduce some contrivance on their line to push the cars along with a little more rapidity, their road Rochester Post wants to know whethvor of others. The business of a State would not bear the name of being the

-Of all the actions of a man's life his railway commission bill so modified most meddled with by other people.

RECOVERING THE DIRECT TAX .--Major Wm, Earle addressed the House judiciary committee in advocacy of appointing a commission to go to Washington to urge the passage of a bill refunding the direct tax paid by all the States. Major Earle thinks that such a measure would be successful. The practical effect of it would be to bring back to South Carolina over \$500,000, and in addition thereto release a liability of \$140,000 claimed by the government as a balance on the original tax. This last sum would speak. I have perfect conti lence that otherwise be a discount against anythe Legislature will act wisely and thing the State might recover for the rent of the Citadel Academy or on account of the revolutionary claims. The strength of the movement will be that various Northern States are in the same condition as South Carolina in regard to direct tax.

> THE COMET.—The Brooks comet of 1812 is now visible in the evening. It is in the North-west, and is pursuing a path that will soon bring it into the constellation of eygnus in which the swan is across the milky way. On December 13th it will reach the maximum brightness of 1812, and by the 14th of January will become four times brighter. Its closest approach to the sun will be on January 25th, after which it will be seen no more for seventy-one years. It has shown any other comet. About the 20th of September it brightened rapidly and light was of unsual density and, at one time, became of a smoky color. since a feeble tail has been observed to form and fade again.

> -Mrs. Riall, of Baltimore, killed her two little girls and herself recently, cutting the arteries in the children's arms. Her husband is a travelling salesman and his absences from home

> -The Mexicans are kicking up a American railroads into their country. Wait until the toy pistol gets in among

-It is doing some service to human--It is stated that the Canada Pacific ity to amuse innocently; and they either in duties or meditations without any relaxation.

> -A disappointed young man in the a young fellow whose girl does not answer his letters is justified in believing that she does not care two cents for

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